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SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF WEST BANK STATEMENT TO CO-CHAIRMAN OF GENEVA
CONFERENCE

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1. THE MAJOR STATEMENT REFTTEL IS A HARDLINE POSITION.

--IT IS THE FIRST STATEMENT IN OUR KNOWLEDGE TO
BE ADDRESSED TO THE SOVIETS AS WELL AS THE
AMERICANS. THIS PROBABLY REFLECTS THE INFLUENCE
OF LEFTISTS IN RAMALLAH AND NABLUS WHO FEEL THAT
SOVIETS SHOULD BE REWARDED FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR
THE PALESTINIANS AND BROUGHT INTO THE PEACE PROCESS
TO INCREASE PLO LEVERAGE.

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--DESPITE A CONCERTED EFFORT BY SOME MUNICIPALITIES,
ESPECIALLY BETHLEHEM, TO DEFINE '67 BORDERS AS THE
OBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE STATEMENT MAKES NO
DISTINCTION BETWEEN PALESTINIAN LANDS IN ISRAEL AND
THE WEST BANK.

--NOT ONLY IS SC RESOLUTION 242 NOT MENTIONED, IT IS NOT EVEN REFERRED TO OBLIQUELY, E.G. A GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF UN RESOLUTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS NOT REJECTED OUTRIGHT AS HAPPENED AT THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

--DESPITE SOME RECENT EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE PLO'S REPRESENTATIVE ROLE TO PALESTINIANS OUTSIDE THE WEST BANK, SUPPORT HERE IS ALL-INCLUSIVE.

2. SIGNATORIES INCLUDE THE MAYORS OF THE MAJOR MUNICIPALITIES EXCEPT FOR FREIJ OF BETHLEHEM. HIS DEPUTY-AN AVOWED COMMUNIST-HAS SIGNED AND SEALED IN HIS STEAD. WE DOUBT WHETHER FREIJ HIMSELF WOULD SIGN SUCH A BLANK CHECK FOR THE PLO AND YASSER ARAFAT.

3. FROM THE PLACEMENT OF SEALS AND INTERNAL EVIDENCE, IT APPEARS THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS DRAFTED IN RAMALLAH AND AL BIRA, THEN TAKEN TO NABLUS AND THE NORTH, SUBSEQUENTLY TO HEBRON AND THE SOUTH WITH A LAST MINUTE ATTEMPT MADE TO GET BETHLEHEM ON BOARD.
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